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SUBJECT: NUCLEAR POWERED WARSHIP (NPW) VISIT TO SWEDEN

- 1. THE U.S. NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP CALIFORNIA, A NEW CRUISER, IS SCHEDULED TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN NORTHERN EUROPEAN WATERS FROM LATE SEPTEMBER TO MID-OCTOBER INCLUDING PORT VISITS TO UK AND NORWAY.
- 2. IN A RECENT CONVERSATION BETWEEN SECDEF AND ANDERS THUNBORG, SECRETARY OF STATE IN MFA, THE SUBJECT OF A US SHIP VISIT TO SWEDEN, SUCH AS THE USS NIMITZ, WAS RAISED BY SECDEF. WHILE THUNBORG INDICATED GENERAL AGREEMENT WITH US SHIP VISITS, HE SAID GOTHENBERG RATHER THAN CONFIDENTIAL

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STOCKHOLM WOULD BE MORE SUITABLE FOR A SHIP OF THE SIZE

OF THE NIMITZ. JAN ELIASSON, MFA NORTH AMERICAN DESK
OFFICER WHO ACCOMPANIED THUNBORG, LATER EXPRESSED TO A
STATE DEPARTMENT OFFICER HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE
VISIT OF A NUCLEAR-POWERED WARSHIP, PARTICULARLY ONE
OF THE SIZE OF THE NIMITZ, TO THE STOCKHOLM AREA COULD
PRESENT THE GOVERNMENT WITH A POLITICAL PROBLEM. THE USS
CALIFORNIA IS A SMALLER NPW AND SINCE IT WILL BE IN NORTH
EUROPEAN WATERS, WE BELIEVE THIS WOULD BE OPPORTUNE TIME
TO SEEK RESUMPTION OF NPW VISITS TO SWEDEN. ACCORDINGLY,
REQUEST EMBASSY ASSESSMENT OF SWEDISH REACTION TO A

CALIFORNIA PORT VISIT TO GOTHENBERG. NO RPT NO APPROACH TO GOS IS DESIRED AT THIS TIME. INGERSOLL

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